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# WATERMELON SEED

## Description and Prices

### HALBERT HONEY.

This watermelon is too well known and its reputation established to need a full description or to publish any voluntary recommendations of those who have tried the Halbert Honey. I can give thousands of them. All first class catalogs have this melon as a standard quality. The melon is long in shape and blunt at each end. The rind is dark green in color, thin and brittle. Flesh tender, luscious, extra sweet, of blood red color, melting in the mouth and leaving no strings of pulp. Seeds white, with black tips, often black rims around the margin, and some have dark blotch on each side. Of good size and in sandy soil with plenty of rain, will grow to seventy-five pounds.

I have taken great pains to bring this melon to a still higher standard of perfection during the past few years, while other raisers for regular seed men have allowed the melon to run down and adulterate. I raise my own first class seed and sell them direct to the planter and not to seed-men, hence the only sure plan is to buy from the originator, whose interest it is to keep up the standard of this best melon ever originated. My first class seeds are raised on my own farm and saved under my own supervision and by a process of my own invention, without washing them, which leaves them perfectly clean but not bleached, and insures a much stronger and higher rate of germination. The germination of many washed seed is ruined while fermenting in the pulp to be washed and then again in drying after being washed. Seeds I save run no such risk. These first class seed of the highest germination and guaranteed of my own raising on my own farm of the 1923 crop, are about the finest I have ever saved.

### PRICES

1 Oz. ....	\$ .15
3 Oz. ....	.40
8 Oz. ....	.75
One or more pounds, up to	
5 lbs. each .....	1.50
Then, per pound up to 10 lbs.....	1.25
Then for 10 pounds or more	
per pound .....	1.00

## SECOND CLASS HALBERT HONEY.

To meet competition in cheap seed, and it being impossible for me to raise all the seed my trade requires, I am forced to call on others to assist me. So I have raised for me by a careful seed raiser from the best strain of Halbert Honey an unwashed seed of good germination and of greater purity than you can find in any catalog at the following prices:

2 Oz. ....	\$ .15
4 Oz. ....	.25
8 Oz. ....	.50
One or more pounds, up to 5 pounds .....	1.00
Then straight up to 10 pounds....	.90
Then straight for 10 pounds or more .....	.75

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## TOM WATSON

I succeeded in getting some pure stock seeds of this popular shipping melon from which I raised in 1923 some of the purest and best seed that will be on the market for the year 1924. I paid my hands that did the work in saving these seed, extra to keep count and throw out the seed of every melon that showed any mixture or had any white about the heart. They reported less than one bad melon to every 75 good ones. I have three grades of seeds raised from the above seed, in isolated patches where little or no mixture could take place with other varieties.

First grade, saved from the largest and purest types of melons, at following prices:

1 pound .....	\$1.50
2 pounds .....	2.75
3 pounds .....	4.00
4 pounds .....	5.00
Then ten pounds or more per lb.	1.00

Second grade saved from marketable melons, run of patch, but no melons were sold out of patch or allowed carried off, at following prices:

1 pound .....	\$1.00
2 or more pounds, up to 5.....	.75
Then 5 pounds or more .....	.70
Then 20 pounds or up .....	.60

The above two grades will test over 90 per cent germination and are unwashed seed. I never wash a seed of my own raising.

Third grade: These were gathered from same patches as grades 1 and 2 but were so badly discolored in curing that they do not

show red or brown color of the Tom Watson and germination will run around 75 per cent. But I will guarantee these seed will be as good and pure as seed from grade No. 2. Prices are very low as follows:

1 pound .....	\$ .50
2 pounds .....	.75
3 pounds .....	1.00
4 pounds .....	1.25
5 pounds or more to 10 pounds per lb. ....	.30
Then 10 pounds or more .....	.25

I still have a fourth grade, raised especially for me by a first class seed raiser, from pure types of Tom Watsons, washed seed at the following prices:

1 pound or more up to 5 pounds, per lb. ....	.75
Up to 10 pounds, per lb. ....	.70
10 pounds on, indefinitely per lb. ....	.60

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### HALBERT PERFECTION.

On account of insect pests and unfavorable weather I failed to raise any Perfection Watermelon seed for sale for 1924. Will plant a larger acreage and expect to have a large supply of seed for 1925. You can expect great things of this melon and will not be disappointed. It is the result of many years of careful breeding and selection and has a great future before it.

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### HALBERT HYBRID.

#### Seed Corn.

I originated this corn by crossing June Corn with White Gourd Seed variety. It has the strong drough-resisting roots of the June Corn and the soft grains and large ears of the gourd seed. It is immune against the hot winds of June that destroy other varieties and will make good corn when other varieties fail and more corn per acre than other varieties under the same conditions of soil and weather. Grasshoppers destroyed my fields this year and will have no seed for sale until 1925.

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### PAPER SHELL PECANS.

I own the original tree and introduced the HALBERT PAPER SHELL PECAN. It has borne thirty-seven consecutive crops since I have owned it. Hail alone destroyed two of these crops before they matured. It is the most precocious and prolific variety known.

Halbert Paper Shells have taken more premiums over all other varieties than any pecan in the world. This pecan is raised by me in an orchard where it can not cross with any common stock and will come true to the seed planted. Then why buy high priced budded trees to die on your hands when you can get these fine nuts to plant at 100 times cheaper? Why not start an orchard when it can be done so cheaply? I sell at \$1.00 per hundred; this will plant two acres. Trees to plant two acres will cost close to \$100.00. I am the author of a booklet which tells "What, WHERE, WHEN AND HOW TO PLANT PECANS." Price \$1.00 per copy. With this booklet you can make no mistake if directions are followed. This booklet is sent free with 10 pounds of nuts at \$1.00 per pound.

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### FARMERS' RAIN GUIDE.

Every one wants to know what the year has in store in the way of crops. The Farmers Rain Guide and predictions for the entire year of 1924 will be very useful for the farmers and truck growers. To know in advance even approximately the date the rains will fall, so as to be prepared to get the greatest good or least harm from them is the greatest boon the farmer can possess. The rain guide will predict with wonderful accuracy every rain period for the year 1924 and no up-to-date farmer can afford to be without these predictions on account of these accurate forecasts alone for four times the price of the book. Then besides these very important features the book contains reliable information on other very important topics. Price of a copy of Farmers' Rain Guide, including long range predictions for entire year of 1924 will be the small sum of 25c silver or stamps. Those who have previously obtained a copy of the rain guide and do not want a second copy can get the predictions alone for 15c.

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## EXPLANATION

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I am placing the retail end of my melon seed business in the hands of my son, L. J. Halbert, Plainview, Texas, but will continue to breed and grow the purest and best seed possible and no other watermelon seed will be sold by the Company except those raised by

me and under my supervision. The firm name and address will be H. A. Halbert Seed Company, Plainview, Texas, Please place all orders with them.

## **H. A. HALBERT,** **COLEMAN, TEXAS**

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### **HALBERT HUSTLER COTTON.**

We are developoing this new cotton at Plainview, Texas, to meet a long felt need of a cotton that will mature quickly and still make a large yield and a high turn out. Our high altitude and short seasons make it necessary for this section to raise a cotton of this type and the people in boll weevil section will find that they can increase their yield by planting it. This is merely an announcement as we will have no seed to offer before 1926.

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### **SORGUM GRAINS.**

From the high broad Plains of Texas with virgin soil of great fertility come the best Red Top Cane Seed, Sudan Grass seed. Maize, Kaffir, Feterita, etc. it is possible to buy. We carefully select these seed from fields we know to be free from Johnson Grass. We inspect the fields of growing crops in person and buy nothing but the best. We reclean these seed and ship them direct to you so you can see that we are in position to save you money on them. If interested in these seeds write us for prices delivered to your town.

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### **COTTON SEED.**

We have carefully selected a nice lot of early ginned Mebane, Acala and Kasch seed. Taking great pains to get nothing but well matured seed and to keep the varities separate. These seed will run as pure as any you can buy from anyone except from the originators and breeders. They are especially adapted to the Plains country.

Priced for present at \$1.75 per bushel, freight prepaid on any of the three varities. Early gin mixed seed at \$1.50.

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Address all communications and orders to,

**H. A. Halbert Seed Co.,**  
**Plainview, Texas**

January 1st, 1924.